

ABSTRACT:

The invention relates to an apparatus for reading data from a data carrier and for processing said read data, to an apparatus for storing address data and to a data carrier for storing data. When playing back a CD, additional services may be available on the Internet. To access these services, the address of the publisher's web-site has to be known to the playback apparatus. Therefore, according to the invention it is proposed that an apparatus for reading data from a data carrier comprises:

reading means for reading data to be reproduced and a data identifier identifying said data from said data carrier, transmitting means for transmitting said data identifier to a central database requesting further information related to said read data, receiving means for receiving a response message from said central database, which message comprises an address of an information database storing said further information and/or said further information requested by said central database from said information database while using said data identifier, and processing means for processing said further information received from said information database via said central database or requested from said information database while using said address received from said central database.

The address of the publisher's web-site can then be readily accessed and updated. Moreover, the storage format need not be changed to enable storage of the address of the central database on the data carrier. Finally, the use of this method is backwards compatible, that is, it is also effective for already sold data carriers.

Fig. 1